

## 2002 BLUEBERRY STATISTICS

Total value of the 2002 blueberry crop at \$46.8 million broke the record high of \$36.7 million reached last year. Utilized production, at 42.0 million pounds, increased 14 percent from 2001. The overall season average price was \$1.11 per pound; the average fresh market price was \$1.17 per pound, while the processing price was \$0.70 per pound.

The area harvested, at 7,400 acres, remained unchanged from a year earlier. Average yield was 5,680 pounds per acre, compared with 5,000 pounds per acre in 2001.

Atlantic and Burlington Counties accounted for 93% of area harvested and 98% of New Jersey's utilized production. The top blueberry producing county in New Jersey was Atlantic County with 5,400 acres harvested and an average yield of 6,630 pounds per acre. Utilized production for Atlantic was 35.8 million pounds. Burlington County producers harvested 1,500 acres with an average yield of 3,470 pounds per acre and utilized production of 5.20 million pounds.



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**Blueberry Harvested Acres, Yield, Production, Price,  
& Value of Utilized Production, by State, 2002**

State	Area Harvested	Yield <sup>1/</sup>	Utilized Production
	- acres -	- lbs -	- 1,000 lbs -
Alabama	280	1,430	400
Arkansas	450	2,960	1,330
Florida	1,600	1,810	2,900
Georgia	4,500	3,780	17,000
Indiana	650	4,620	3,000
Michigan	16,900	3,790	64,000
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>7,400</b>	<b>5,680</b>	<b>42,000</b>
New York	700	2,710	1,900
North Carolina	3,700	4,190	15,500
Oregon	2,800	9,820	27,500
Washington	2,000	6,500	13,000
Total	40,980	4,600	188,530

1/ Yield is based on utilized production.

State	Value of Utilized Production	Price per Pound		
		Fresh	Processed	All
	- 1,000 dollars -	- dollars per pound -		
Alabama <sup>1/</sup>	377	.943	---	.943
Arkansas <sup>1/</sup>	1,533	1.150	---	1.150
Florida	18,560	6.400	---	6.400
Georgia	17,420	1.570	.540	1.020
Indiana	2,760	1.220	.620	.920
Michigan	52,240	1.210	.610	.816
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>46,790</b>	<b>1.170</b>	<b>.700</b>	<b>1.110</b>
New York	2,550	1.380	.660	1.340
North Carolina	22,534	1.760	.630	1.450
Oregon	20,075	1.000	.550	.730
Washington	8,948	1.220	.580	.688
Total	193,787	1.420	.595	1.030

1/ Small quantities of processed blueberries are included in fresh to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**New Jersey Blueberry Harvested Acres, Yield, & Production,  
by County, 2000 - 2002**

Year and County	Acres Harvested	Yield per Acre <sup>1/</sup>	Production		Utilized Production	
			Total	Utilized	Fresh <sup>2/</sup>	Processed
	- acres -	- lbs -	- 1,000 lbs -		- 1,000 lbs -	
<b>2000</b>						
Atlantic	5,400	5,440	--	29,400	--	--
Burlington	1,600	2,380	--	3,800	--	--
Other Counties	500	1,600	--	800	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>4,530</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>34,000</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>2001</b>						
Atlantic	5,400	5,910	--	31,900	--	--
Burlington	1,500	2,930	--	4,400	--	--
Other Counties	500	1,400	--	700	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,400</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>38,000</b>	<b>37,000</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>8,000</b>
<b>2002</b>						
Atlantic	5,400	6,630	--	35,800	--	--
Burlington	1,500	3,470	--	5,200	--	--
Other Counties	500	2,000	--	1,000	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,400</b>	<b>5,680</b>	<b>43,000</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>37,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>

1/ Yield is based on utilized production.

2/ Includes quantities used in farm household or given away.

"- "- means that the data is not available at the county level.

**New Jersey Blueberry Price & Value of Production, 2000 - 2002**

Year	Season Average Price			Value of Production
	Fresh	Processing	All	Utilized
	- dollars per pound -			- \$1,000 -
2000	1.150	.850	1.060	36,100
2001	1.090	.640	.990	36,730
2002	1.170	.700	1.110	46,790

**New Jersey Blueberry Area Harvested,  
by County, 1995 - 2002**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Atlantic County</b>	<b>Burlington County</b>	<b>Other Counties</b>	<b>State Total</b>
	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -
1995	5,000	2,000	600	7,600
1996	5,100	1,900	500	7,500
1997	5,300	1,700	400	7,400
1998	5,400	1,700	400	7,500
1999	5,400	1,600	500	7,500
2000	5,400	1,600	500	7,500
2001	5,400	1,500	500	7,400
2002	5,400	1,500	500	7,400
Average	5,300	1,688	488	7,475

**New Jersey Blueberry Yield Per Acre <sup>1/</sup>,  
by County, 1995 - 2002**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Atlantic County</b>	<b>Burlington County</b>	<b>Other Counties</b>	<b>State Total</b>
	- lbs -	- lbs -	- lbs -	- lbs -
1995	6,060	2,000	1,170	4,610
1996	5,860	1,840	1,200	4,530
1997	5,770	1,650	1,500	4,590
1998	5,850	2,240	1,500	4,800
1999	6,330	2,500	1,600	5,200
2000	5,440	2,380	1,600	4,530
2001	5,910	2,930	1,400	5,000
2002	6,630	3,470	2,000	5,680
Average	5,981	2,376	1,496	4,868

1/ Yield is based on utilized production.

**New Jersey Blueberry Utilized Production,  
by County, 1995 - 2002**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Atlantic County</b>	<b>Burlington County</b>	<b>Other Counties</b>	<b>State Total</b>
	- 1,000 lbs -	- 1,000 lbs -	- 1,000 lbs -	- 1,000 lbs -
1995	30,300	4,000	700	35,000
1996	29,900	3,500	600	34,000
1997	30,600	2,800	600	34,000
1998	31,600	3,800	600	36,000
1999	34,200	4,000	800	39,000
2000	29,400	3,800	800	34,000
2001	31,900	4,400	700	37,000
2002	35,800	5,200	1,000	42,000
Average	31,713	3,938	725	36,375

**New Jersey Apple, Blueberry, & Peach  
Value of Utilized Production, 1995 - 2002**

Year	Apples	Blueberries	Peaches
	- \$1,000 -	- \$1,000 -	- \$1,000 -
1995	11,437	26,500	26,180
1996	8,781	33,010	33,649
1997	7,271	33,980	29,185
1998	6,608	28,360	30,518
1999	6,375	36,590	25,992
2000	6,183	36,100	24,774
2001	8,117	36,730	28,350
2002	4,830	46,790	25,194
Average	7,450	34,758	27,980

## Blueberry Rankings by State, 2002

State	Rank	Harvested Acres
Michigan	1	16,900
New Jersey	2	7,400
Georgia	3	4,500
North Carolina	4	3,700
Oregon	5	2,800
Washington	6	2,000
Florida	7	1,600
New York	8	700
Indiana	9	650
Arkansas	10	450
Alabama	11	280

State	Rank	Yield <sup>1/</sup> (lbs)
Oregon	1	9,820
Washington	2	6,500
New Jersey	3	5,680
Indiana	4	4,620
North Carolina	5	4,190
Michigan	6	3,790
Georgia	7	3,780
Arkansas	8	2,960
New York	9	2,710
Florida	10	1,810
Alabama	11	1,430

1/ Yield is based on utilized production.

State	Rank	Utilized Production (1,000 lbs)
Michigan	1	64,000
New Jersey	2	42,000
Oregon	3	27,500
Georgia	4	17,000
North Carolina	5	15,500
Washington	6	13,000
Indiana	7	3,000
Florida	8	2,900
New York	9	1,900
Arkansas	10	1,330
Alabama	11	400

State	Rank	Value of Utilized Production (\$1,000)
Michigan	1	52,240
New Jersey	2	46,790
North Carolina	3	22,534
Oregon	4	20,075
Florida	5	18,560
Georgia	6	17,420
Washington	7	8,948
Indiana	8	2,760
New York	9	2,550
Arkansas	10	1,533
Alabama	11	377